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TOPIC Movements of Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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1. Shipments of military personnel, which were observed at the Wustermark marshaling yard, included: 7 boxcars with about 280 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, going from Neustrelitz to Wildpark on 29 November 1951; 4 boxcars, with about 160 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, consigned to Altruppin and Jueterbog-Altes Lager on 29 November; 16 boxcars with about 560 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with various branch-of-service insignia, going from Doeberitz to Satzkorn on 30 November; and 9 boxcars with about 360 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, going from Ludwigslust to Satzkorn on 30 November. The two shipments of 30 November apparently proceeded from Satzkorn to Rosengarten. (1)
2. On 30 November, a troop train of 5 boxcars and 47 gondola cars was loaded at the Oranienburg freight yard with 15 officers, 80 EM, 6 trucks, including 2 jeeps, 22 tank trucks with trailers and 2 repair-shop trucks and left toward Pasewalk at 11:40 p.m. (2)
3. The following shuttle trains, carrying military personnel and going to Gerdauen, were listed in the records of the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station between 3 and 6 December:

DateNumber of CarsFrom

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3 December

52 boxcars and
1 gondola car

Jueterbog

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4 December

53 boxcars and
3 gondola carsdirection of
Frankfurt/Oder

5 December

23 boxcars with
soldiers and 31
empty boxcars

Cottbus

53 boxcars and
1 gondola cardirection of
Frankfurt/Oder

6 December

52 boxcars and
1 gondola carJueterbog-Altes
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4. [redacted] shuttle trains [redacted] passed empty through the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station on 9 December, coming from Gerdauen and proceeding to Frankfurt/Oder. (3) 50X1-HUM

5. Trains listed in the records of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 9 December included: empty shuttle train No 111 of 53 boxcars and 1 gondola car from Kuestrin to Cottbus to be stripped of fittings which had been installed for troop accommodations; empty shuttle train [redacted] of 52 boxcars and 1 gondola car from Rosengarten to Cottbus; and a troop train of 3 boxcars with soldiers and 9 flatcars with 2 AA guns and 8 trucks [redacted] dispatched by [redacted] in Fuerstenwalde on the Spree River and going to Mittenwalde. (3) and (4) 50X1-HUM

6. [redacted] transient military personnel in the woods at Cirpice, 9 km west of Torun. The troop trains would stop here for two or three hours while their locomotive would go to Torun to take on coal and water. On the evening of 24 November, [redacted] an eastbound train of about 50 boxcars there. Nearly all of its occupants were NCOs who wore tank and artillery insignia. 50X1-HUM

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Comments.

- (1) All of the shipments consisted of discharges going to processing points for repatriation to the U.S.S.R. via Rosengarten [redacted] confirms the 234th Mort Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div in Neustrelitz until 29 November. 50X1-HUM
- (2) [redacted] the ground unit of an air force reconnaissance regiment in Oranienburg moved to Jueterbog in late November or early December 1951. [redacted] the troop train may have hauled an element of the ground unit from Oranienburg to Jueterbog, but its direction of departure, as stated in the present report, cannot be accounted for. 50X1-HUM
- (3) The facts that shuttle trains [redacted] returned empty from the east, and that shuttle train [redacted] went to Cottbus to be stripped of fittings for the accommodation of troops indicate the termination of the program under which discharges were replaced by recruits after 3 October 1951. Analysis of shuttle train numbers shows that minimum totals of 56 westbound trains with about 68,000 recruits and 45 eastbound trains with about 54,000 discharges were conveyed up to 9 December 1951. The totals of personnel were computed on the basis of the assumption that each shuttle train carried an average of 1,200 men. 50X1-HUM
- (4) [redacted] a regiment of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Fuerstenwalde until 9 December 1951. The unit on the train probably was to relieve another unit of the same division at the ammunition depot at Toepchin where it is known that the AAA units are exchanged. 50X1-HUM
- (5) [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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